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The Leader apologizes for being late to-day.

Vote "Yes" for every one of the Constitutional amendments on next Monday.

Erase the word "No" wherever it occurs on the Constitutional amendments next Monday.

Billy Herod, R. B. Bagby and Moses Broyles addressed the Republicans of the 14th ward Friday evening.

Will the Sentinel state to the public whether it is in favor of striking the word white out of the constitution or not?

General Straight is the man for the emergency. The fact that the Sentinel and other Democratic papers are squeaking so about him is proof positive that he is the man. Democratic papers don't want the Republicans to nominate a soldier. They'll do it all the same, though.

The war cloud again looms up in the East. Russia seems inclined to try the strength of the celestial empire. Russia's plan is to make friends with Japan and thus fall upon China's seaboard and lay waste her most fertile and populous regions. It is safe to assume, however, that John Chinaman is not asleep.

It is said that the most popular graveyards in Washington are the congressional cemetery and the committee on ways and means. While the former receives the mortal remains of congressmen for the final rest, the latter consigns to eternal slumber their ambitions and hopes—for the old flag and a big appropriation.

Milton M. Holland, of Washington, D. C., contributes a very able paper to the Washington World in advocacy of the claims of Hon. John Sherman, for the presidential nomination. Mr. Holland makes a very strong case for his favorite. We would be glad to give our readers the benefit of the article, did our space permit.

The Republican township ticket to be voted for next Monday is an excellent one, and ought to be elected by a handsome majority. Let every Republican who can afford it devote the day to the election. The people of this community should be deeply interested in seeing that Republicans are chosen to carry forward the measures of economy and reform inaugurated by the Republican party.

The New Era is the name of a new venture in journalism, at Charleston, South Carolina. The paper is a neat five column folio and gives evidence of able editorial ability. The city of Charleston has 25,000 colored people. If one half of them will take the Era and pay for it they will give it a deserved "boom" and reflect credit on themselves. Mr. Wm. Holloway, (not our P. M.), but another gentleman of color—we mean a gentleman of another color, is the business manager.

General Sherman has let up on Boynton and turned his attention to Chicago pavements. The Times of that city, of April 1, contains a very interesting letter from the General to Hon. J. R. Doolittle on this subject, which letter we most heartily commend to the thoughtful consideration of our city dads. General Sherman is down on all modern attempts to rival nature in the manufacture of stone. He considers granite and porphyry the only durable materials, and though pavements would cost more at first, they would in the end be infinitely cheaper.

The solid South is in a terrible quandary concerning Virginia. The coalition formed by the Readjusters

and the colored people has put Virginia on the list of doubtful States. The most prominent Bourbons in the State now admit that if Tilden is nominated the electoral vote of Virginia will be cast for the nominee of the Chicago convention. We do not see that it will make much difference whether the nominee be Tilden or somebody else, the cause of the Readjusters is absolutely hopeless without the aid of the colored people, and the colored people will join no coalition that is not in favor of the Chicago nominee. The Readjusters have everything to gain by supporting the Republican candidate.

Hon. John Sherman, of Ohio, shook the dust of Washington from his garments the other day, and came home "to repair his fences," which, it must be admitted, are not in the best condition. With Blaine making heavy inroads on the Western Reserve, and the friends of General Grant in a fair way to control Hamilton county, with active opposition all over the State, and with lukewarmness and possibly treachery among professed friends, and incapacity of managers; with all or even a part of these things to encounter, it is not strange that the Secretary should decide to give his presence and a modicum of his attention to the affairs of his own State. He was given a cordial welcome by his neighbors and friends at his home in Mansfield. In the speech made to them he declared that his name would not be presented to the convention unless he received the endorsement of Ohio. The friends of the Secretary are active, and with the influence of his presence in the State, will no doubt be able to secure a merited delegation from Ohio.

KANSAS FOR BLAINE.

The plumed knight has scored a glorious victory in Kansas. The Republican State convention which assembled in Topeka, Thursday, after an excited and stormy session, chose a solid Blaine delegation. General Grant had many warm friends in the convention, but the enthusiasm for Senator Blaine swept everything before it.

There would be a sort of fitness in the nomination of Mr. Blaine at Chicago. Mr. Blaine was undoubtedly the choice of a large majority of the delegates at Cincinnati. If unit rules and other questionable tactics had been done away with, and his name submitted to a direct vote of the convention, he would have been triumphantly nominated on the first ballot.

Mr. Blaine's nomination at Chicago would rouse a whirlwind of enthusiasm which would sweep the country. No disparagement is intended, however, for any one of the great leaders whose names will be presented to the convention. Washburne, Conkling or Sherman would lead the party to a glorious victory. General Grant's nomination would produce a bitter fight within the party, and might endanger the success of the ticket.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The fate of the Constitutional amendments will be decided next Monday. For the sake of the honor and good name of our State we trust these amendments will be ratified by an overwhelming majority. In our opinion they are all right and just, and their adoption will be in the interest of low taxes, fair elections and equal rights. While declaring ourselves as decidedly in favor of all the amendments, we nevertheless, admit that there may be grounds for honest differences of opinion with regard to the merits of some of the amendments, but with regard to those amendments which remove from our constitution the odious discriminations on account of color which it contains, there is no grounds for honest difference of opinion. True, these constitutional discriminations are for the most part dead letters, by reason of the recent amendments to the constitution of the United States, nevertheless they represent the blind, brutal prejudice against colored people which prevailed in this State before the war, but which no man will now publicly defend. They represent the darkest period in our history as a nation and the basest prejudices and passions of that period. No one with a single instinct of true manhood will vote to retain these infamous provisions in our constitution. Both political parties are committed

in favor of these amendments and it is to be hoped that whatever differences of opinion may exist with reference to other amendments these will be unanimously adopted.

Colored men throughout the State should make it a point to stand at the polls on that day and mark every man who votes against these amendments. It should be made a personal matter, and a man who votes to deprive his fellow man of his God-given rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness should be treated as a foe and a fiend worthy only of the contempt and scorn of all mankind.

The "Boys' Business."

There is one thing that a great many white gentlemen, especially politicians, in this part of God's country ought to learn as quick as they possibly can, and that is how to salute colored gentlemen. The almost universal salutation by aspiring candidates and their friends to colored men is "Hello boys." "What'll you take, boys?" and so on for quantity. It not infrequently happens, too, that the person extending such a greeting is a beardless cub of 18 or 20 years, while the person so greeted may be a venerable gray-haired man of 60, or a man of education, intelligence and culture, upon whose ears and manhood such a salutation, coming from such a source, grates with excessive harshness and who never receives such a greeting without feeling himself belittled and insulted. He sometimes has trouble, too, in restraining his right foot from a violent desire to oculate with the lower extremity of the spinal column of the individual thus addressing him. Mark you, we do not object to this style of salutation between parties who are in every respect equal, but what we do object to is its reservation for and wholesale application to colored men. Let white gentlemen address colored gentlemen just as they would white gentlemen. They are on intimate terms with colored men, let them address these men just as they would be addressed by them, and not in a style, which, if applied to them by their colored friends, would be offensive. In short, white gentlemen ought to learn how to address colored gentlemen in a style different to that which they apply to boot-blacks.

Mr. Voorhees "Sickness."

Senator Voorhees declines to go on with the exodus investigation because the Negro witnesses the Republicans have brought to testify about Southern wrongs "have such an offensive odor about them that it makes him sick." Republican senators have not noticed any offensive odors, and think it must be their testimony that makes Voorhees sick. The sickness first appeared when a carpenter named Adams, from Louisiana, began to testify. Adams recited the circumstances of outrage after outrage, of which he knew personally in which colored people have been murdered, wounded, whipped and hung, some of them, including people of both sexes, and even children. He did not testify from hearsay, but from actual knowledge, and his testimony is such an arraignment of the white people of Louisiana as was never presented before. His testimony covers a period of 10 years, and makes 250 pages of incidents that will make the blood run cold. It was this evidence that made Voorhees sick, and he has since lost all interest in the investigation.

Colored Disaffection in Missouri.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—A delegation of colored men from St. Louis, consisting of J. Milton Turner, ex-United States Minister to Liberia; J. Smith Charlton, H. Tanner, J. W. Wilson and Alfred Carter, called upon the president to-day, and represented to him that the negro vote of the State of Missouri is entirely unrepresented in official positions in that State; that the Negro and German vote together comprise the bulk of the Republican vote of that State; that the negro vote amounted to 40,000, and controlled two, if not three, Congressional districts; that if the president would elevate a colored man to a responsible official position in Missouri, it would reanimate the colored people, who are now disaffected on account of having to carry the burdens of the party without recognition. The president said he was in favor of doing all he could for the colored people, and gave Mr. Wilson a copy of the following letter to a government officer, written by himself May 7, 1877: "Dear Sir—The appointment of colored men to positions under you, for which they are qualified, will tend to secure to the people of their race consideration, and respect, and will remove the prejudice of the following letter to a government officer, written by himself May 7, 1877: "Dear Sir—The appointment of colored men to positions under you, for which they are qualified, will tend to secure to the people of their race consideration, and respect, and will remove the prejudice of the following letter to a government officer, written by himself May 7, 1877: "Dear Sir—The appointment of colored men to positions under you, for which they are qualified, will tend to secure to the people of their race consideration, and respect, and will remove the prejudice of the following letter to a government 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